

Baltic States Training Team

Introduction

Also known as the **Baltic Battalion Training Team** - in November 1993 the three Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) agreed to the formation of a joint peacekeeping battalion, comprising a rifle company from each country and an integrated joint headquarters and a logistics company. A Baltic Agreement was signed on 13 September 1994 and the formation of the **Baltic Battalion** (BALTBAT) commenced in late 1994 with initial support from the Nordic countries and Great Britain.

In November of that year a team of 12 Royal Marines commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel deployed to Latvia and began training in January 1995. Until July 1996 the Royal Marines provided the main training effort and then became the lead on training matters as part of a larger multinational **Baltic States Training Team** (BTT). The Team was based at Kadaga Camp, Ādaži, approximately 35 km from Riga, the capital of Latvia and provided advice and training to the BALTBAT Staff, Logistic Company and Support Company. This was also the location of the Headquarters of BALTBAT.

References:

1. The Globe & Laurel - The Journal of the Royal Marines (January/February 1996) (Volume CIII, No 1)
2. The Globe & Laurel - The Journal of the Royal Marines (March/April 2000) (Volume CVIII, No 2)
3. Baltic Defence Review 2/1999



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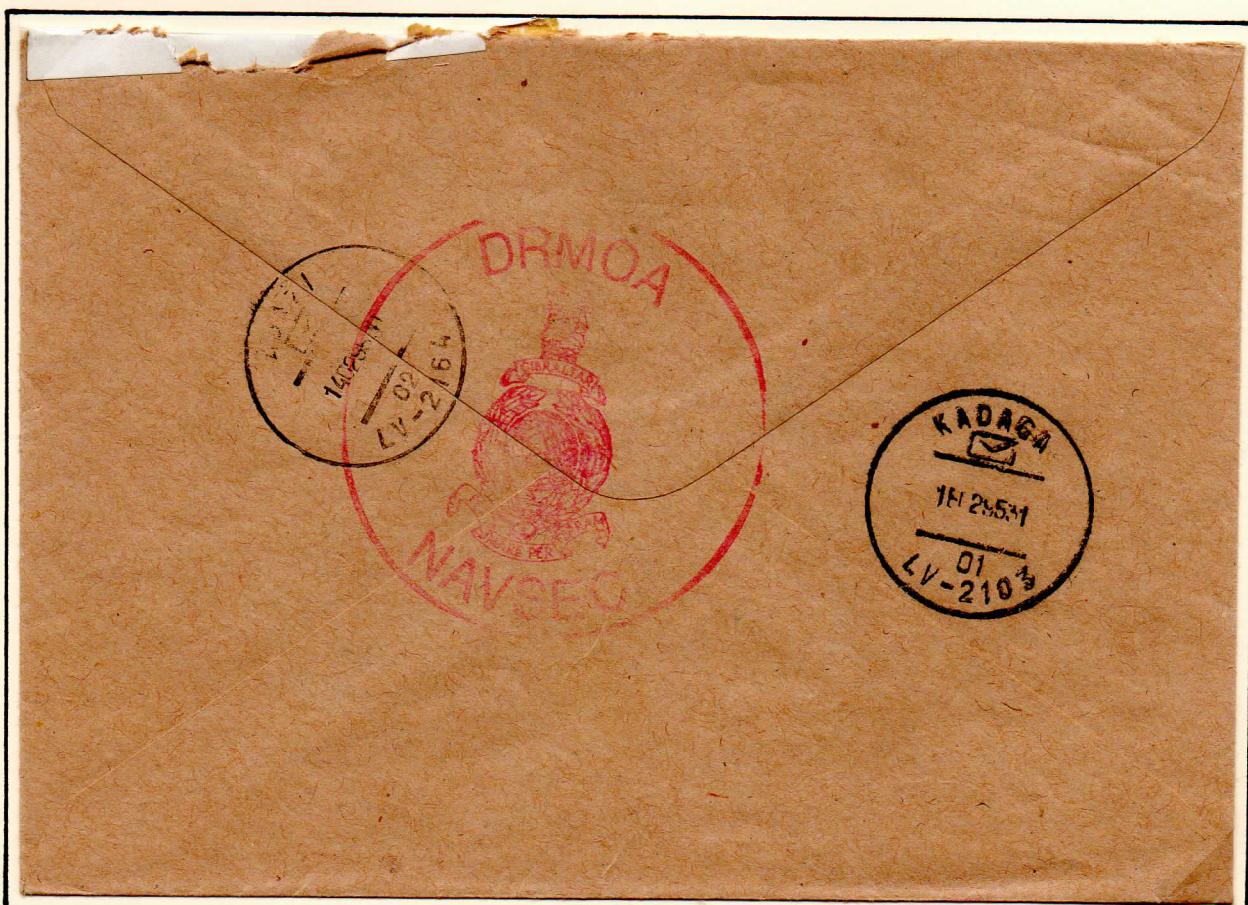
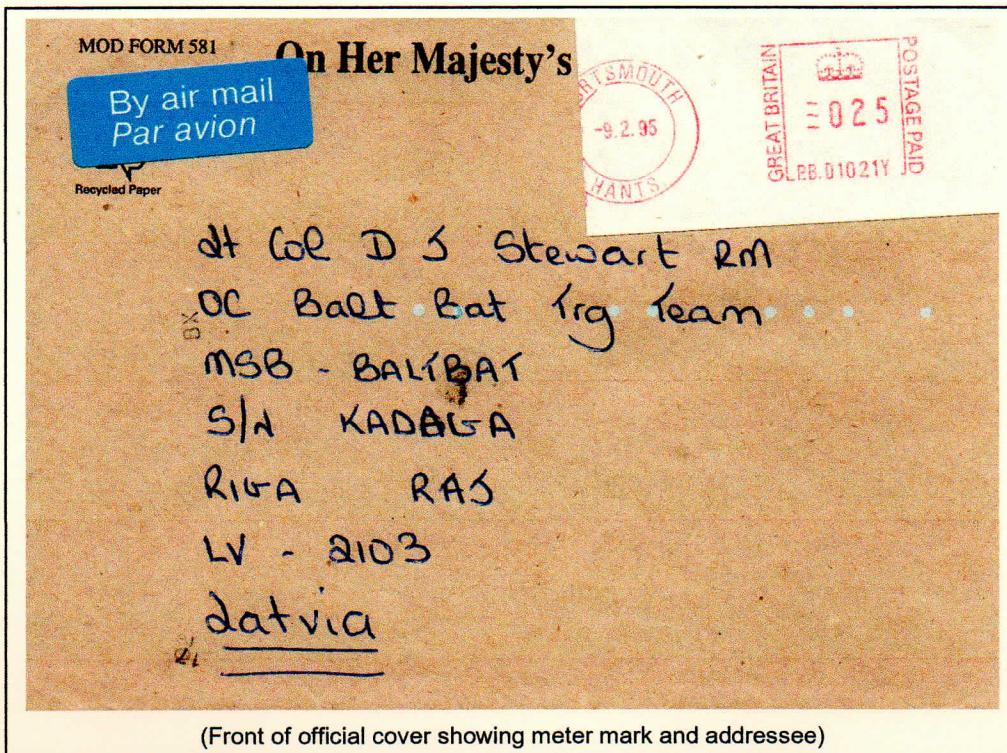
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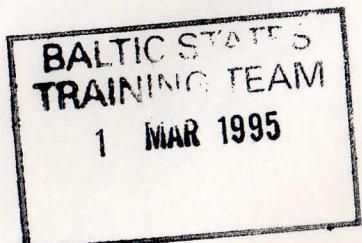
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Written on 28 March 1995, letter-headed notepaper from the DSM Baltic Battalion Training Team at Kadaga Camp, Adazi.

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